







## WHOLESALE POISONING.

A SERIOUS CATASTROPHE AMONG MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Over Fifty People Poisoned by Drinking Water Supposed to be Impregnated with Poisonous Sewage — The Dead and Dying — The Water to be Analyzed.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 30.—The extent of the catastrophe here among the miners and their families, who have drunk of the waters of the springs supposed to have been impregnated with poisonous sewage, is causing great alarm in the locality. About fifty and sixty persons are suffering in various stages of poisoning, several of them being in a critical condition and almost beyond medical aid. Two have already died. The affected people live along Fox and Rattlesnake hills, the whole population being supplied with water from the springs. The poisonous character of the supposed foul spring was first brought to light yesterday, when fifty people were suddenly taken ill from drinking it.

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### NO FOOD SENT.

The Canadian Government Not So Liberal As Was Reported.

OTTAWA, N. Y., July 30.—Delegates, having appeared in several United States and Canadian newspapers, stating that the Canadian government had in response to appeals for assistance, sent out a vessel bearing provisions for the distressed fishermen in Newfoundland, have been informed that the marine and fisheries department have been interviewed concerning the matter.

They state that no vessel has been sent out and that the departments here have no official knowledge of the matter, beyond their own conviction. Considering the moment, of course, nothing to do with Newfoundland. The mayor of Toronto having written to the department, inquiring what steps were being taken here, received an answer to the above effect.

### PROHIBITION IN WEST VIRGINIA.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 30.—Parliamentary action is being taken by the Republican executive committee, a large body of the leaders of the party in West Virginia met here to confer informally upon the political situation, and report a plan of campaign. The session was opened with closed doors, and the report of the president of the convention had yet been given to the press. During the day the chairman of the Prohibition State committee appeared by invitation, and addressed the gathering, stating that the temperance vote of the state was to be given to the Republicans if given an encouragement.

In response to this a resolution was adopted to the effect that the Republican party favored the immediate submission to the people of an amendment to the state's present prohibition law, which would be sale of intoxicants within the limits of the state. It is expected an address to the voters of the state will be issued in a day or two, as the outgrowth of the conference.

### Conservative League of America.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Chicago council No. 1, of the Conservative's League of America, held in the Auditorium Grand Ball Hall, for the purpose of discussing the objects and aims of the organization. Judge Markin, in stating the character of the league, said the purpose was to unite in one organization, all men who believe in the supremacy of the law; to protect men from discrimination, from all unlawful infidelity, and to promote a better understanding of the true relation of the employer and the employee; maintaining the rights of each and all, and their differences, as well as the laws of the Knights of Labor and similar organizations, he said it would be the duty of the league to watch and guard against any attempt by them to capture the ballot box and control legislation. Council No. 1 has several hundred members, and publishing bodies are being organized. The proceedings of the council are to be secret.

### COLORED WEDDING.

The Greatest Event of the Year Ever Witnessed in the City of Louisville.

NEW ORLEANS, July 30.—The biggest colored wedding ever witnessed in Louisiana was that celebrated at Bonouque plantation in Iberville parish. Few white weddings compare with it. There was a special train from this city for the invited guests, a string band imported especially for the occasion, and refreshments by the first restaurante in New Orleans. By the manner of the bride's father was a mass of natural flowers by night. The bride was dressed in white, with lace and diamonds. She and all the cream of colored society graced the occasion, and not a few white persons of standing were among the guests. As for the dresses, few ball rooms have seen anything finer or tastier.

The contracting parties were Miss Elodie Allain, daughter of a member of the Louisian legislature, and Prof. Palmerston Landry, a colored colored man. The bride's father, originally a slave and cook, was in these days the name of Bonouque. He has not altogether forgotten that time for his sugar plantation, one of the handsomest and prettiest in the state, still retains the old name. His name is Allain, long since, where he himself is to-day the Hon. Theophilus Allain. Every prominent negro politician in the United States was invited to this event, and nearly all sent presents

### A Murderer Arrested.

CLEVELAND, O., July 30.—A man giving his name as Jack King was arrested here for stealing a trunk. At the central station it was found that the man was Frank Berg, who resided at Detroit. He was a son of that place, some months ago, of Frank Koch, his wife Susan, and their four children, whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of their house, which had been burned down in an attempt to destroy the evidence of the crime. Enough evidence was obtained, however, to fasten the crime upon Berg. He will be removed to Michigan.

### Lightning's Fatal Strike.

TYRONE, Pa., July 30.—A heavy rain and storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, passed over Clearfield county. Three boys took shelter in a house near the park, and were struck by lightning. William Connolly was instantly killed, and his brother James, seriously, if not fatally, injured, while Thomas McLaughlin was unharmed. The lightning also struck and fatally disengaged the roof and barn near by. Mrs. Sykes, who resides in the house, was it, thought, fatally injured.

A Prominent Trades Union Man Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—William H. Foster, secretary of the National Federation of Trades unions, and also secretary of the Philadelphia Central Labor Union, died here, at the age of 52. He was a native of Boston, president of the Philadelphia and Cincinnati Typographical unions, and was very prominent in national and local labor conditions. Two have already died. The affected people live along Fox and Rattlesnake hills, the whole population being supplied with water from the springs. The poisonous character of the supposed foul spring was first brought to light yesterday, when fifty people were suddenly taken ill from drinking it.

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